

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**  
**CLEAN AIR VEHICLE STICKERS**  
**SECTION 156.00, ARTICLE 3, TITLE 13**

Vehicle Code sections 5202.5 and 21655.9 allow specified vehicles to use high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes (diamond lanes) with fewer than the required occupants. The Department of Transportation is authorized to remove the diamond lane from use by the subject vehicles under certain specific conditions. AB 2628 (Chapter 725, Statutes of 2004) amended sections 5202.5 and 21655.9 to allow single-occupant use of HOV lanes by the cleanest alternative fuel, hybrid, and full-electric vehicles.

The Department of Motor Vehicles is required to provide specific vehicles, as determined by the Air Resources Board, with stickers that are to be affixed to the vehicle and allow the vehicle access to the HOV lanes. The statutes are very specific about what type of vehicle is eligible to receive Clean Air Vehicle stickers. Since the department does not have the expertise to determine which vehicles qualify for the stickers, the department relies on the Air Resources Board to provide a list of qualifying vehicles.

This proposed regulation would modify section 156.00, Title 13, California Code of Regulations, to reflect vehicles qualifying for the Clean Air Vehicle Stickers under the Ultra-Low Emission, Partial Zero Emission, and Advanced Technology Partial Zero Emission Vehicle standards. This proposal would allow specific hybrid powered vehicles to be eligible to receive a Clean Air Vehicle Sticker as well.

**Subsection 156.00 (a)** specifies that the applicant shall complete an Application for Clean Air Vehicle Stickers [Form REG 1000]. The application has been revised to reflect the change in terminology from the word “decal” to the word “sticker.” The department believes the word “sticker” signifies permanence and the word “decal” signifies the ability to peel off of the vehicle to which it is affixed. The sticker will not peel off without self-destructing. The word “decal” has been changed to “sticker” throughout section 156.00 for consistency. This application was revised to include specified Hybrid or Advanced Technology Partial Zero Emission Vehicles (ATPZEV).

This application form was also revised to include supplemental information for applicants who access the Automatic Vehicle Identification System (FasTrak) in specified counties in the California Bay Area. Under Vehicle Code Section 5205.5, applicants whose vehicles are registered in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano or Sonoma counties are required to submit evidence of their FasTrak account when submitting an application for a sticker. Contact information for Bay Area FasTrak has been added to the form to provide applicants with more information.

**Subsection 156.00 (b)** identifies the federal and state code sections that set the eligibility standards to be met in order for vehicles to qualify for the Clean Air Vehicle stickers.

This subsection is modified to reflect vehicles qualifying for the stickers under Ultra-Low Emission, Partial Zero Emission, and Advanced Technology Partial Zero Emission Vehicle standards, which were added to Vehicle Code section 5205.5 effective January 1, 2005.

The ARB's telephone number has also been removed from subsection (b) and placed in subsection (c).

**Subsection 156.00 (b)(4)** is being added to make specific hybrid powered vehicles eligible to receive a Clean Air Vehicle Sticker.

**Subsection 156.00 (c)** is amended to provide the ARB telephone number. The telephone number is intended to be used by persons whose vehicle(s) do not qualify for a Clean Air Vehicle Sticker to call with their questions and concerns. Since this subsection pertains to those vehicles that do not qualify for the sticker, this section is better suited to relay the ARB's telephone number.

**Subsection 156.00 (f)** is being amended to correct the mailstation currently identified as 'A' to the correct mailstation of 'D'. This will ensure the form matches the address in regulation. Also, (f) now contains a reference to subdivision (d). This section is also amended to ensure that proper documentation is presented when an application is presented requesting stickers for a fleet of vehicles as described in subsection (e).

**Subsections (g)(1) and (g)(2)** are being added to provide the number, color, and vehicle placement requirements for the two types of Clean Air Vehicle stickers issued by the department to vehicles described in Vehicle Code Section 5205.5(a), paragraphs (1) through (4). The color and placement of the stickers are necessary to enable law enforcement to easily identify vehicles authorized to access the HOV lanes.